## **Legislative Summary Report**



# **Energy and Environment**

This Legislative Summary Report highlights Energy and Environment policy measures that received a public hearing in a policy committee during the **2024** regular legislative session. The report is organized by subtopics and includes the measure number; the measure status: enacted [ ] or not enacted [ ]; and a brief description of the measure.

## **Energy and Environment Subtopics**

- Climate
- Energy Efficiency
- Energy Facility Siting

- Materials Management
- Renewable Energy

### **Climate**

SB 1559



The measure would have modified the state's greenhouse gas reduction goals and established the state's aspiration to achieve net zero emissions as soon as practicable but no later than 2050.

HB 4102



The measure specifies that any public or private funding sources, in addition to legislative appropriations, may be deposited in the Natural and Working Lands Fund.

**Note:** The measure is also included in the Legislative Summary Report on Natural Resources.

# **Energy Efficiency**

SB 1525



The measure modifies certain reporting timelines for the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE): (1) natural and working lands net biological carbon sequestration and storage inventory report, (2) study on workforce and training needs to support natural climate solutions on natural and working lands, (3) nonbinding biological carbon sequestration and storage goal for Oregon's natural and working lands; and (4) energy security plan. The measure transfers money in the Heat Pump Deployment Fund to the Residential Heat Pump Fund and requires it to be used in regions and for members of federally recognized Indian tribes for which no eligible entity has been issued a grant under the Heat Pump Deployment Fund. It authorizes ODOE to release up to 30 percent of additional money from the Community Renewable Energy Grant Program provided for in a performance agreement if the applicant demonstrates certain requirements have been met. The measure expands the exemption from obtaining a site certificate from the Energy Facility Siting

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Council to allow a standby generation facility that is electrically capable of being interconnected to the grid, but is dispatched by local transmission and distribution grid operator or balancing authority to support grid reliability.

SB 1581



The measure requires an investor-owned utility to report to the Legislative Assembly annually on steps taken or being taken to participate in a regional energy market.

# **Energy Facility Siting**

HB 4015



The measure defines a battery energy storage system (BESS); exempts a BESS when sited in conjunction with another energy facility from obtaining a separate site certificate; and permits a BESS developer, or local government, to defer regulatory authority to the Energy Facility Siting Council to obtain site certificate for a BESS.

**Note:** The measure is also included in the Legislative Summary Report on Natural Resources.

HB 4090 A



The measure would have prohibited the Energy Facility Siting Council from exercising jurisdiction over, or requiring a site certificate for, certain renewable energy facilities and certain high voltage transmission lines, if either were sited entirely on federal land and were subject to review under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). It would have required the person seeking federal approval to construct or operate an energy facility affected by the measure to consult with relevant governments on potential impacts that may result from the construction or operation of the facility.

**Note:** The measure is also included in the Legislative Summary Report on Natural Resources.

# **Materials Management**

SB 1596



The measure requires a manufacturer to make available to an owner or independent repair provider on fair and reasonable terms any documentation, tool, part, or other device or implement that is used to diagnose, maintain, repair, or update certain electronic devices if it is made available to an authorized service provider. The measure authorizes the Attorney General to initiate a civil action for violations outlined in the measure that occur on or after July 1, 2027.



HB 4013 A 🗙

The measure would have temporarily excluded glass wine containers as a covered product under the producer responsibility program until July 1, 2026. It also would have required a producer responsibility organization (PRO) to charge members who produce glass wine containers a one-time fee from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, unless those producers made products that are not considered covered products under the state's producer responsibility program.

# Renewable Energy

SB 1561



The measure establishes the Environmental Restoration Council (Council) and several funds to invest and distribute money from the Monsanto Settlement Agreement. The money is intended to supplement efforts by recognized tribal governments, executive branch agencies, and disproportionately impacted communities for environmental remediation or restitutionary projects or purposes.

**Note:** The measure is also included in the Legislative Summary Report on Natural Resources.

HB 4080



This measure creates state policy that supports bringing groups together to engage in the offshore wind development process. The measure directs the Department of Land Conservation and Development to review plans for offshore wind projects and sets labor and building standards for offshore wind energy projects.

**Note:** The measure is also included in the Legislative Summary Report on Labor and Employment.

HB 4112 A 🗙



The measure would have required the Oregon Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to adopt rules to govern procurements from clean energy technology manufacturing companies that DAS conducts on behalf of state agencies. It would have established and appropriated \$20 million to the Oregon Clean Energy Technology Manufacturing Opportunity Fund (Fund). The measure would have directed the Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) to develop a program to award grants, make low-interest loans, and make other expenditures from the Fund. The measure would also have required the Governor to establish a Clean Energy Technology Leadership Advisory Council.



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